



SAFETY MESSAGE

Personal Safety is our #1 priority

Protect Your Eyes, Compiled by USDA-APHIS- CCEP

Common injuries in the grove or field are scratches and puncture wounds to the eye.

Watch out for branches!

Fungal eye infections are commonplace in agricultural workers.

Possible fungal organisms encountered:

Yeast, *Candida albicans*.

Filamentous fungi, such as, *Alternaria*, *Fusarium solani* and *Aspergillus flavus*.

Trauma, from **vegetable matter**, may introduce saprophytic fungi into the cornea and/or adjacent tissue, giving rise to invasive disease.

Be aware of your immediate surroundings.